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1. The Handlova coal mine (Q49/C46) has seven shafts: West, New West, North, Old South, New South, East and Reserve (Nahradne Pole). Brown coal is mined in the West, New West and North shafts at a depth of about 200 meters and at a rate of about 1,450 quintals per day. The other shafts produce anthracite coal mined at a depth of about 390 meters. The total output is between 3,000 and 3,500 quintals per day, most of which is shipped to the Skoda Works. A total of about 3,000 workers, including 700 civilian and 1,500 military prisoners, are employed in the mines. The mine manager is Stencil, a Communist. The Security Officer is Geschwandter.
2. The installations at the mines are in general primitive. Those of the Old South and New South shafts are the most modern, while those of the West shaft are the worst. Machinery is old and worn, mostly of Soviet and American manufacture. The East, New South and Reserve shafts fulfill their production quotas each month. The West and North shafts fill the quotas to 80 percent. The other shafts also fail to fulfill the quotas. In order to increase production a larger number of political prisoners will be used.

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